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SAXIFRAGE GOES TO PRESS

SEASON LOOKS PROMISING FOR F.T.C. BASEBALL NINE

Call of Baseball Candidates Marks Starting of Spring

This week brought officially the opening of spring when Coach Healy issued a call for all battery candidates to report for indoor practice in the gym.

From last year's staff only pitcher Jim Sullivan and catchers, "Yutch" Harvey and Harry Moore return.

New candidates for battery staff are pitchers: O'Sheasy, Murphy, Kelly, and Cyganowicz while the catchers are: Seigal and Guilfoyle.

Coach Healy has been trying to obtain the Leominster Riding School indoor park for some fielding drills.

This year's team should mark one of the best in recent time as returning are Stan English, leading batter, Chet Smith from third base, Chet Bercume at second and Gill Berry at first, while, Bill Konsavage, Neil Sullivan, Tony Tasca and others offer plenty of competition for infield positions.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR GAV-HAWK PROGRAM

The Mohawk and Gaveleer Societies will present Louis Untermeyer, poet, author, critic, and world traveler, who will lecture on "Poetry and the Average Man", on Wednesday, April 12 at eight p.m. in the college auditorium.

Each year it is customary for the two clubs to combine and alternately assume responsibility in presenting some feature of

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Bernice Cleaves



Student Treasurer

NOMINATIONS MADE FOR CLASS OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sophomore class meeting

Lasting for almost two hours, the Sophomore class meeting brought forth a volley of conflicting opinions concerning the Sax plans, but it was finally agreed to accept the plan voted for at the last Association meeting.

Nominees for the class officers were: president—John Mulski, Bertram Bennett, Joseph Lalli; vice-president—Ursula Mulcahy; secretary—Beverly O'Donnell; treasurer—George Joseph, John Mulski, Daniel Sullivan, Raymond Boyce.

Council nominees were Daniel

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FIRST BOOK TO FEATURE THE ENTIRE COLLEGE

Many Pictures To Liven Appearance Of Pages

The 1939 Saxifrage has gone to press after more than a year of intensive preparation.

The board has worked hard and diligently in making this year's Sax an all school paper. The year book includes pictures and writeups of every organization in college as well as the traditional senior section.

The Feature section is the high spot of the book. It is here that you will learn what LIFE at F.T.C. really is. Pictures and more pictures of every thing that has happened this year, last year and two years before that.

Among other high lights are lesson plans that will help all in teaching(?). Another thing is the pictures of the class of 1939 as they were twenty or some odd

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OPEN LETTER FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dear Editor:

Due to the student disinterest in the affairs of the Association it has required individual attention from the officers of the above association to acquire sufficient numbers for a possible majority vote. The result of voting on the by-laws and the saxifrage plan at assemblies is herewith officially announced in THE STICK.

The saxifrage plan lost as did the first set of ammendments and by-laws for the lack of students necessary to constitute a simple majority. Out of the second batch

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ALL-SCHOOL SOCIAL

Three weeks ago we printed in the schedule of THE STICK the date of the All-School Social. THE STICK was not in error. The date, February 23, was taken from the social calendar which was announced to you by the Council last fall.

Several weeks before the social was to have taken place, THE STICK sent a reporter to cover the event. The only thing that reporter could find out from any of the council members was, "nothing has been done as yet." This statement was given us until the very day for which the event was scheduled. Upon investigation last week we were told that "the Council has tabled the matter because we feel that the students do not want the All-School Social. If enough students do want this social event, we will gladly reconsider the matter." The Council is not to blame for not having the social. The council members were merely acting in the best interests of the students.

It is now up to you, the students, to decide whether you want a social this year or whether you want it omitted from the social calendar. If you want it, tell your council representative about it. If you do not want it, thank the Council for the manner in which they handled the situation.

THE ASH TRAY

by Roger D. Holt

"Insignificant Progeny: Your characteristic appearance is of comparative excellence to my personal mode of contemplation, but I used to be unable to distinguish the property of the visible phenomena of the different wave lengths of light." (the prize for solving this one, is a free subscription to THE STICK, providing you pay the blanket tax) seriously tho, if you can translate it, let me hear your version, I'm rahlly interested.

Down to Earth Again: I asked our editor, (again), if he was ever planning to shave off his moustache, and he answered, "This isn't a moustache, I'm breaking in a buttonhole for a racoon coat." while Miss Conlon was giving a lesson on color harmony, she asked the class, "What would you say if you saw a lady coming down the street wearing a bright green skirt, an orange sweater, and a purple hat?" — and one bright pupil piped up, "I'd say, 'Why, Grandma, when did you get your pension check?'"

Ain't it the Truth? I've heard that digging for pirate gold may prove to be a waste of time, but it does at least provide plenty of fresh air and healthful exercise. the Hines trial was not only due, it was Dewey. there are mighty few divorces in homes where there is jam on the piano keys and cookies on the cupboard. no one knows what the short skirts will be up to next.

Sillynynms: Hold tight—my upper plate. "Mikado" in swing—a classic gets its pace lifted. Nero—the emperor who gave Rome a hot-foot. Gambling—not a sign of wisdom, but it is a sign of life. a break—what some girls' hearts never get. gossip—a national sport: to be talked about by day; acted out at night.

Of Course: It has almost come to pass that the only time that a horse is scared is when he meets another horse. we pitched our tents by a river; he pitched his farther than I did, but mine made the biggest splash. we don't like the word "brat"—but there are quite a few of them around. the average typist does more work per day than the average ditch digger, but a typewriter is mighty uncomfortable to lean on.

FRESHMAN CLASS CONDUCTS ASSEMBLY

Taking the audience by storm, Francis Murphy of Worcester and Thomas Moran of Fitchburg, inexperienced in dramatic work, portrayed the parts of the ice-man and the plumber so sympathetically in "Prose Preferred", at a recent assembly, that as they left the stage, the audience cheered.

Frank Onischuck and Eileen O'Neil, by their characterizations of Mr. and Mrs. Renning, established their reputations in dramatic circles at the college. Always in character, Onischuck pictured very dramatically his consternation over his wife's going into the "rime and rhythm club". Happy Mrs. Henning, played by Eileen O'Neil, captivated the audience; and her final complete abandonment of verse was convincing. The dumb maid as portrayed by Adele Lach was a gem. When she was directed to talk in rime, she followed directions perfectly, much to the delight of the audience. Ruth Hanson and Madeline Howe were effective as cohorts of Mrs. Henning and were especially strong when they showed their desire to quit the club.

The Freshmen scored another hit with the farce which was a part of their assembly program. The cast was directed by Miss Nixon, sponsor of the class.

Walter Pierce played two piano selections and the class sang their song. Frances Merritt and Kenneth Sweeney arranged the program.

PRINCIPAL CLARK ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Edwin R. Clark, principal of the Junior High Training School, attended last Friday and Saturday the 15th Annual Junior High School Conference held at New York University, and will participate in a panel discussion on "Junior High



Henry Lambert

HENRY LAMBERT FIRST TO SECURE TEACHING POSITION

A senior in the Practical Arts Department, Henry Lambert of Methuen, is the proud man to possess the first position of professional employment in the class.

He has been accepted to equip one of the few General Shops in the state. This shop is to be located in Orleans at the new high school being built there.

Henry had his practice teaching under Mr. Hammond in the General Shop, and in the Gardner High School under Mr. Dean Johnson.

School Practices and Procedures in Guidance."

The general theme for the conference is "Practices and Procedures in Junior High Schools."

FRESHMAN ART CLASS SEES FLEMISH PAINTINGS

Wednesday, March 8, the Freshman Art class, accompanied by Miss Lamprey saw the Flemish Art Exhibition in the Worcester Art Museum. The paintings were an extensive showing covering two centuries of Flemish art. In this exhibit the subject matter is deeply religious. The pictures are enchanting with pattern, bright with color, and exquisite in detail.

The Flemish artists painted with such care that in a painting velvet or fur was so realistic that it seemed as if you could almost feel the texture of the material by touching it. Their early art has a jewel-like quality. This quality is shown in the pearly tears of the Virgin and of the Christ Crowned with Thorns. Each individual hair and curl is accounted for. The glassware is crystal clear. The flowers are perfect to the last petal. There are little hills and winding brooks in the midst of life-like trees. There are birds half hidden in the tree tops and little wild animals seem to pause at the forest's edge. The artists portray gorgeous landscapes with comfortable houses scattered about, church spires peeping from the trees, boats and people along the riverbanks, and soft blue mountains receding in the distance.

Among the greatest of the Flemish painters is Peter Paul Rubens. He painted such famous pictures as "Holy Family Beneath the Apple Tree", "The Vision of Constantine", and many others. Anthony van Dyke, Rubens' best pupil, also has many of his paintings in the exhibit.

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CURRENT BEST SELLERS PLACED IN OUR LIBRARY

Current "best sellers" placed on the shelves of our college library this past week, at the direction of Dr. Herlihy, include Rachel Field's "All This and Heaven Too" and "Dithers and Jitters" by Cornelia Otis Skinner as the most popular. "Rebecca" by Daphne Du Maurier; Howard Spring's, "My Son! My Son;" "Three Harbours" by Van Wyck Mason and Hugh Walpole's "The Joyful Delaneys" complete the list of the modern fiction placed in our library.

Non-fiction books, at the top of the list of "best sellers", in addition to Miss Skinner's book, are Ogden Nash's, "I'm a Stranger Here Myself", "With Malice Toward Some" by Margaret Halsey, and "Horse and Buggy Doctor" by Arthur Hertzler. Miss Nixon of the English department selected the books to be purchased at this time.

Probably few libraries in teachers colleges of a similar size can boast of having as many up-to-date books which students read only for pleasure and recreation as does ours. Thank you, Dr. Herlihy!

SECRETARY CHOSEN FOR ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Eileen Connelly was elected by the W.A.A. Board as executive secretary-treasurer of the annual athletic conference of the Massachusetts State Colleges which will be held at F.T.C. next fall.

Fifteen years ago the first conference was held and each fall since then the conference has been held at one of the colleges. Every fifth year Fitchburg is host to the conference and will be next fall.

Last fall Fitchburg sent three delegates to the conference at North Adams; Anna Clifford, Elizabeth O'Connor, and Connie Day.

TOURNAMENTS BEING PLANNED FOR GIRLS



Bernie Johnson

Bernie Johnson, Head of Ping-Pong and Badminton, is planning a singles tournament in Ping-Pong and a doubles tournament in Badminton for the girls sometime in March.

WORK ON SUPPLEMENT PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

The student body has shown much curiosity lately in regard to the literary supplement of THE STICK. The staff members have been repeatedly asked when it is to be published, how large it is to be and many other questions of like nature. So many inquiries are being made that it is felt that we should let our readers know just how the work on this book is progressing.

Ben Mason, supplement editor, states that production is now being held up while he awaits the arrival of cuts for pictures. The linotype composition is in readiness for the make-up and insertion of these cuts. It is expected that the book will be ready for distribution in about a month. It will take some time for the plates to arrive, and after that there is much to be done. The sheets must be printed, folded, assembled, stitched, and trimmed, which is no little job.

Mr. Mason wishes to thank all who submitted material, in generous response to his request. There have been enough selections turned in to allow for a forty-page book, and the quality

DIORAMAS OFFER EXPRESSION FOR ART

The dioramas done by the classes in correlated art activities are on display in the art room on the third floor.

The projects are offered as suggested pupil-activities for use in the elementary grades and the junior high school. Using ordinary boxes as framework the ever ingenious sophomores have fashioned an Indian camp, a colonial home, a sea of slumber where Wynken, Blynken and Nod toss fitfully in a wooden shoe, and a Finnish steam bath where it is quite correct to raise the roof.

Pipe-cleaners served as skeletons for all sorts of figures—from one of Il Duce to the tiniest child in that brood noted for being spanked and sent to bed after a supper of "broth without any bread."

MISS ELDRIDGE ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Miss Eldridge attended the Eastern Music Educators Conference in Boston on Wednesday and Friday, March 15 and 17. The program of the conference covered various phases of public school music, vocal and, instrumental, in the primary and secondary grades. One of the interesting features was the opportunity to attend a rehearsal of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall on Friday morning. The conference was held from the 14th to the 17th.

is uniformly good. It is our belief that the long wait of the students will be rewarded with a book which both they and the staff may be proud.

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We should take our hats off to the Freshman for giving us such a fine assembly—the best of the year. If the world were in rhyme we might hear something like this on the campus.

Ray Lowe—"Is this, young lady, Miller Hall?"

Louise—"It is, little boy; whom shall I call?"

Ray Lowe—"I'd like to see my Dotty dear. Tell her that her Raymond's here."

Louise—"I'm sorry your feelings I must hurt, But your Dotty dear is out with Bert."

The Log Of A Sophomore

8:40

I began the day with a clever explanation of my absence at the last geography class, but the Dean didn't think it was so clever and marked me unexcused.

9:15

My first class was geography. Miss Webster being in her usual good humor informed me that in her class unexcused absences were equivalent to zero. Adding insult to injury my intelligence was likened to stupidity, for having left my book at home.

10:10

I went into my arithmetic class unprepared but managed to escape unquestioned, due to the presence of a prodigious mass of humanity who sat between Miss McConnell and myself, obstructing her view of me.

11:00

Mr. Randall's class wasn't so bad. I spent most of the time looking at sea urchins, grasshoppers, slugs, and Dot Hackett's purple lip stick. I asked her why she used such a goshawful concoction, and she looked at me as if I were the height of ignorance,

President-elect Hill

The President-elect of the Student Cooperative Society is a commonly little man, yes very common, with a sweet and simple smile for all. The Calvin Coolidge of F.T.C., he has been called, for his sincerity. His simplicity is preeminent in his most distinguished character.

President-elect Hill began life at Methuen, Mass. in an incubator and since then has hatched many brilliant ideas. A conservative and a liberal, his life has been devoted to bettering the conditions of the college. He is a gentleman and a scholar, well at least a scholar, for he made the President's list. In the past year he was the Senior member of the Council and Chairman of the Finance Committee. (If there is no deficit at the end of the fiscal year, we can attribute honesty to Mr. Hill's character.

"Hilly" as he prefers to be called, or "Father" Hill as we prefer to call him is very versatile. He is a P.A. man with G.M. intelligence, a Gaveleer with Mohawk vivacity, and a dorm student with commuting durability. His golden voice has thrilled many a Rotarian. With all these qualifications he cannot help being a good president.

replying "It matches my finger nails, stupid."

1:15

After dinner we had literature, and when I told Mr. Conlon that I thought it best to let him know I'd forgotten to do my home work, he replied, "A penny for your thoughts and goose egg for your memory."

2:10

The pay-off came in Child literature class. I mixed up "The Three Bears" and had little Red Riding Hood saying "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in."

HAWKS DEFEAT GAVS IN BASKETBALL GAME

Monday, in the Geary Memorial Gym the Mohawks led by Capt. Daniels pinned a 58-40 defeat on the Gaveleers in their annual battle of basketball. Although the outcome of the game was never in doubt, the Gavs, fighting staunchly, put up a good fight.

The Mohawks 18-man squad completely wore out the Gaveleers forces in a rough, tumble exhibition of basketball which saw the Mohawks leading 26-17 at the first half.

A large appreciative audience saw such stars as: "Galloping Horse" Berry, leading scorer, "Boom Boom" Bennett, "Eagle Eye" Smith, "General" Koscuisko, "Flash in Pan" English, "High Horse" Moore, "Sleepy" Guilfoyle, and Chief "Swish" O'Sheasy lead the warring Mohawks in the massacre.

For the Gaveleers: "Charles Lamb" Hastings, led the scorers; while "Stone" Mason, "Logger" Stanley, "Joseph" Joseph, "Bullet Head" Loviett, "Czar Nickolas" Clemmer and President, "Chocolate" Baker put up a splendid battle for the Gaveleers.

The officiating was carried on splendidly by "Chief Justice" Neil Sullivan and "Associate Justice" Roche, who managed to keep the contestants in good behavior.

DOUBLE QUARTET TO HAVE RADIO AUDITION

The Palmer Hall Double Quartet, who on Tuesday again performed for the Rotary Club at Hotel Raymond, will in the near future, be given a radio audition on the Greenfield station, WHAL.

The Double Quartet's work has been highly praised by the student body and others from the vicinity who have had them scheduled for their entertainment.

MODERN DANCE GROUP SEES HOLM EXHIBITION

The Modern Dance Group of the W. A. A. attended an exhibition by Hanya Holm of New York City in Boston on Monday, March 20.

This exhibition served as one class in a course, Survey of Rhythmic Activities, given by Professor Rogers of Boston University in an attempt to show the modern dance as a medium of expression. The course is offered to under-graduates and Boston University masters majoring in physical education.

Several famous dancers Doris Humphrey, Charles Weidman, Ted Shawn, Miriam Winslow, and Pauline Chellis, and their groups have given exhibitions in this class. They view the dance from the educational point of view and believe that it will increase in popularity.

Class Nominations

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Sullivan, Charles Cassassa, Tauno Tamminen (alternate), Claire Andrews, Sirkka Waris, Mary Gibbons (alternate).

Junior Class meeting

The Juniors, evidently satisfied with the work done by this year's officers, voted to retain them. They are as follows: president—Raymond Lowe; vice-president—Dorothy Sears; secretary—Bernice Cleaves; treasurer—Herbert Downs.

Nominated for the Council were: Ruth Lagsdin, Eva Trafton, John Murphy, and Thomas Sweetney.

The Juniors also voted to keep for their year book the plan passed upon by the Association and to recommend Sax Plan III for permanent use.

Senior Class Meeting

Joseph Cutler, president of the Senior class will appoint committees shortly for the Senior Party coming April 27. The class voted to have the party only for seniors and their guests.

DORMITORY STUDENTS ENTER 'Y' TOURNAMENT

The Dormineers made up of; Creamer, Daniels, Bennett, N. Sullivan, Konsavage, O'Connell, Shinner, J. Sullivan, and managed by Paul McCormack, have entered the "Y" tournament, here in Fitchburg.

The boys won their first game, against the five Abood Brothers, 52-5. In this game everyone scored at least three points. In their second game the boys defeated the Reipas J. V., 38-23, here again all the boys participated in the point garnering.

Last night the team played the Gardner Indians, of which Paul Waring '38, is a member. If they win this game they play Arden Mills and then New Ipswich to enter the finals. The team will be the underdog in all its games as it is a team of unknown strength.

W.P.A. ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT ASSEMBLY

The W. P. A. Orchestra of Fitchburg presented a varied program at the Tuesday morning assembly. The leader introduced and opened the program with an overture from an early Italian opera. The second piece was "Humoresque" by Dvorak featuring the string instruments. Pieces of gypsy and Russian music fascinated the audience. A minuet was rendered with the flute as the outstanding instrument.

Gav-Hawk Presentation

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outstanding value to the student body.

The presentation will be covered by the passbook slips. A table will be set in the lobby where for two days the slips may be exchanged for tickets and then the sale of tickets will be extended to the public.

Already an extensive advertising campaign has been inaugu-

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the amendment contained therein was defeated due to lack of a two-thirds majority (less than two-thirds of the members attended the meeting) while the by-laws did finally secure the required number of votes through the cooperation of the students in training, who made special efforts to secure ballots in order to vote.

—H. P. Hill

To The Editor:

Dear Sir:

In last week's *Stick* under the heading of Campus Chatter you discussed the popularity poll and asked where the P. A. men's votes were. In answer to this might I say that the P. A. men were never asked to vote and knew nothing about the poll until the results were published in *THE STICK*. If our vote had been cast, let me assure you the ballot would not have been quite so silly. No hard feelings—.

Just to let you know.

—Interested.

Saxifrage

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years ago. Esmeralda, the bright and shining light of the training schools, has some priceless information that she wishes to pass down to posterity.

The business manager announced that the 200 copies of the book are to be ordered. This quota (provided for in the contract) is practically filled, so if you have not reserved your copy as yet he advises you to do so at once to prevent your being left without a yearbook.

rated and it is proving successful. An opportunity for the general public to hear this lecture has met with a great demand for seats.